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PATERSON COUNCIL CHOOSES FIRST BLACK MAYOR

PATERSON, N.J. (AP)—Councilman Martin G. Barnes has been elected the city's first black mayor and will fill the post until a November election to fill the unexpired term of Rep. William J. Pascrell.

"We worked hard for many years to change the city and live up to the dream of what it once was," Barnes said. "I know what the city was and what it can be. If we are going to take on the struggles and battles of the city, we have to do it now."

Barnes, a Republican, will serve until the end of 1997, filling out part of the term of Pascrell, who was elected to the House in November and resigned his post. The term expires in June 1998.

Council voted 6-2 Wednesday to elect the 48-year-old businessman, which brought cheers and applause from more than 400 people who chanted "Marty" while waving "Marty Time" placards.

"I think it's a wonderful moment for Paterson and a great opportunity for African-Americans in particular," said Eliseo Evans, president of the city's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"For years, we voted and got involved and were told it was not our turn," Evans said. "We've been waiting for this a long time."

Barnes must try to figure out how to close a nearly \$9 million gap in the 1997 fiscal budget.

Councilman and former Mayor Thomas C. Rooney Jr., who voted against the appointment, said Barnes is not the man to address the city's financial crisis.

Paterson is New Jersey's third-largest city with 141,000 people, a third of whom are black.

KING'S KILLER WANTS TRANSPLANT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—James Earl Ray, jailed for the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., will die within months unless he gets a liver transplant, his lawyer said.

Ray, who is serving a 99-year sentence, has been hospitalized outside prison twice recently with chronic liver disease.

"His general health has to improve. There are a lot of conditions ... but it is clear if he doesn't get that he will die," lawyer William Pepper said.

Ray supporters who believe King was the victim of a conspiracy want to keep Ray alive to continue his effort to prove his innocence, Pepper said. They are searching for a potential donor who could provide a liver directly for Ray.

Ray, 68, is not on the national list that controls allocation of donated organs and a spokeswoman for a transplant agency said it could be illegal to go outside the system.

Ray initially admitted killing King on April 4, 1968, but almost immediately recanted and has been trying to win his freedom ever since. He has a state court hearing in Memphis on Feb. 20 on a request for new scientific tests on the rifle identified as the murder weapon.

DEATH PENALTY LAW DISCRIMINATES AGAINST BLACKS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—New Jersey's death penalty law discriminates against blacks, the state Office of the Public Defender said Friday.

Attorneys from the public defender's office filed a brief with the New Jersey Supreme Court contending that a black defendant is 10 times more likely to receive a death sentence than a nonblack defendant in cases with the same characteristics.

The office said race plays a bigger role for jurors when handing down a death sentence than murder for hire, killing a police officer or even mutilation murders. Other aggravating factors that would be expected to carry more weight with jurors, such as prior murder convictions, were found not to be as important as race, the attorneys said.

They also said New Jersey prosecutors are twice as likely to seek the death penalty for a defendant charged with killing a white victim as for a defendant charged with killing a nonwhite victim.

Mercedes Gennick, an assistant deputy public defender who helped write the brief, said studies by the Office of the Public Defender and the Administrative Office of the Courts provide "compelling evidence that the death penalty in New Jersey is being imposed in a racially discriminatory manner."

New Jersey reinstated the death penalty in 1982. The state has not carried out a death sentence since 1963.



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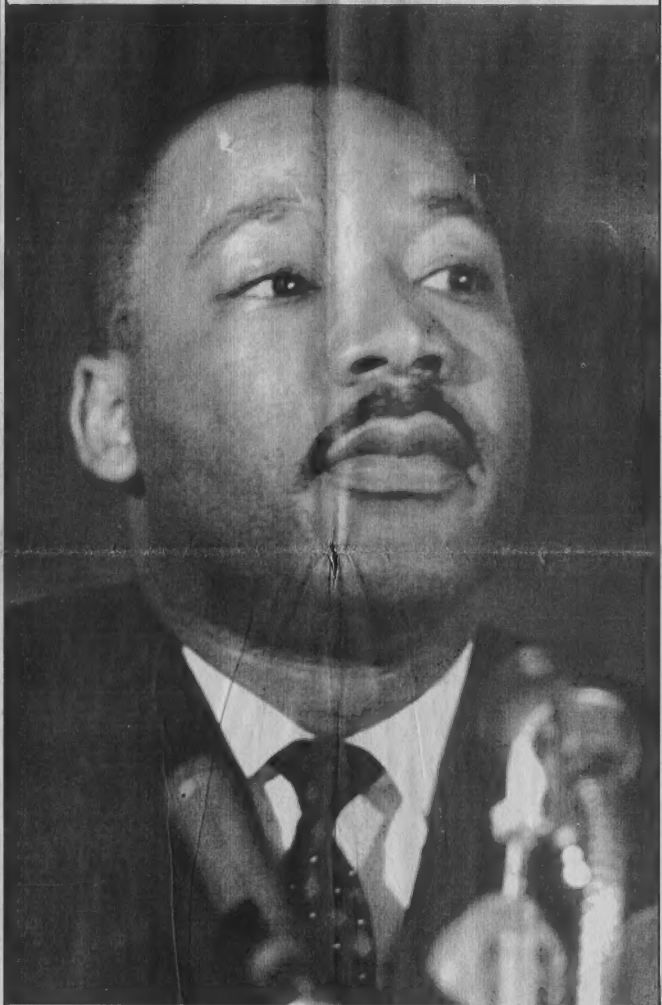


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Payne begins fifth term

by Jeremee Johnson

Despite the season's first heavy snow, Newark's courthouse was standing room only as Congressman Donald M. Payne took the oath to represent Newark's tenth district, last Thursday evening.

Re-elected by a wide margin in November, Payne will start his fifth term, representing the Newark's tenth congressional district. Payne is the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, an advocacy coalition of black representatives and senators.

"He's visible, he's easy to talk to, he comes prepared, he keeps in touch, and he's handsome," commented Beverly Williams, a city councilperson for East Orange as the crowd laughed.

Prior to being elected as New Jersey's



Donald Payne takes oath as his family looks on.

Newt survives by slim margin

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Just as he has done so many other times in his political career, Newt Gingrich once again survived a major challenge to his leadership. By the slimmest of margins, three votes, Newt was reelected Speaker of the House. And like President Clinton, Gingrich won a plurality victory, with 216 votes, just less than half of the U.S. House.

Democratic leaders continue to whisper that Newt's days are numbered, that his ethics problems will soon bring him down the way that similar problems ended the career of Jim Wright. JaxFax is not so sure.

"We note that Gingrich has had numerous narrow escapes during his career. Indeed, were Newt a cat, he would be down to the last of his nine lives!"

Consider: Gingrich lost two races for public office in the 1970's before he finally won his House seat; had he lost a third time, he'd have been done before he even started. Gingrich built a career as a Rockefeller Republican in a right wing party; as a transplanted Pennsylvanian in suburban Georgia; and as the lead GOP attacker against a solid Democratic majority.

He barely hung onto his House seat in 1990, defeating the Democrat by less than 1,000 votes, he survived a new redistricting plan, which could have left him with a Democratic district; then, in 1992, he narrowly edged out a fellow Republican in the primary.

He won promotion within the GOP Caucus in 1989, winning a party leadership election by only one vote!

He lost half his House margin during the last election, leaving him the highest level of party opposition in recent history. However, he did manage to hang on to the leadership despite party defections, despite Nixonian approval levels, and despite having all his fellow Republicans "morphed" into him during the campaign for slashing Medicare and Medicaid, education and the environment.

In 1996, Newt spent \$5.4 million to win reelection, more than any other House candidate that \$100,000 spent per percent won. In short, he has survived narrow escapes before. Newt Gingrich may be wounded—but he is still Speaker of the House. And while JaxFax has certainly differed with the Speaker many times, he remains an interesting politician because he refuses to be predictable.

According to Jaxfax, Gingrich surprised everyone by seizing the moral offensive, raising critical issues that were largely ignored in last year's campaigns: race; drugs; ignorance; morality; D.C. He noted that the new Congress looked like America, unlike the first Congress two centuries ago. His comments were inclusive, not divisive. Reverend Jackson even met with the Speaker for an hour, to encourage him to follow through on his remarks to take race and ignorance seriously. If Newt means to take these issues seriously, 1997 could be a very interesting year.

first African-American congressman, Payne served as a member of the Newark Municipal Council.

Despite budget cuts, Payne pledged to fight for economic issues including employment and work opportunities for Essex County. He also plans to continue to be an advocate for Head Start, child immunization, student college funds.

Payne noted the importance of area attractions, including the new performing arts center in Newark, the international trade center, to attract new business, and the Thomas Edison Historical site in West Orange.

The ceremony was hosted by representative Craig Stanley of Essex County's 28th district.

In honor of Payne's 40 years of public service, a gala tribute is planned for Saturday, March 15. For more information, call 201-643-4422.

Community Calendar

City News is a weekly publication. Event notices must be received two weeks before the event. Fax to: 908-753-1036 or mail to: CN Calendar, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

JANUARY 15, 23 & 30

NEW YORK—Barnes & Noble celebrates "New Beginnings: A Month of Growth" each Thursday. Featuring Forrest Church, Tobias Jungreis, Liz Neppert & Faye Wattleton. All events are free and open to the public. For more information call (212) 727-4810.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

EAST ORANGE—The City Council committee discussion and agenda meeting will be held at 6:30pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14-23

NEWARK—The Newark Literacy Campaign is seeking volunteers to become reading partners for adults, teenagers and children. Training and materials begin 1/14, for more information call (201) 623-4001.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

JERSEY CITY—Scholar and author Dr. James Washington will deliver the keynote address at the eighth annual MLK, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at Jersey City State College beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room of the Michael Guiligan Student Union Bldg 2029 Kennedy Blvd. For more information call (201) 200-3524.

JANUARY 18

MONMOUTH—The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders will have a workshop meeting at 2 p.m. For more information call (908) 431-7387.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

PLAINFIELD—The Central Jersey Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be presenting a musical salute to the life and work of Dr. King 7:00 pm at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church located at 716 Watchung Ave. For more information call (908) 756-8611.

PLAINFIELD—Blood Pressure readings for seniors will be taken 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Senior Citizens Center, 305 E. Front St. You must be a Center member to be eligible for this program. Residents 55 years old and older are welcome to join. For more information call (908) 753-3506.

PLAINFIELD—Senior Citizens Center presents a Bingo party, with prizes 1:00pm at 305 E. Front St. Transportation can be provided. For more details, call (908) 753-3506.

SAT. & SUN., JANUARY 18 & 19

SAYERSVILLE—The Club Bena's Children's Theatre presents "The Wizard of Oz" 2pm - 3:30pm at Rt. 35. Admission is \$5.00. For more information, call (908) 727-3020.

JANUARY 20

PLAINFIELD—The Frontiers International, P.I.I. area club, a service organization.

zation, presents a memorial breakfast and program in honor of the late Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. at 9:00 am. For more information call (908) 757-4721.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

SOUTH PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive at the Hirschel Health & Racquet Club at 219 St. Nicholas Ave. 3-9 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

NEW YORK—Barnes & Noble presents a "New American History Month Event" 12:30pm through 1:30 pm. One of our nation's great unsung civil rights warriors, Charles Evers is our special guest. For more information call (212) 765-0592.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

WEST ORANGE—The American Jewish Society and W. Orange Human Relations Commission is sponsoring a performance of "The Right to Dream" 7:30 pm at the JCC of Metropolitan NJ located at 760 Northfield Ave. This evening is dedicated to the memory of Connie Woodruff, champion of human rights. For more information please call (201) 579-7844 or (201) 731-0025.

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) is sponsoring a "Newark Day" at the "World On Ice" exhibition, 3:30pm and 7:30pm, at the Continental Airlines (Meadowlands) Arena. For more information call (201) 733-4495.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

MONMOUTH—The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders will have a workshop meeting at 2 p.m. For more information call (908) 431-7387.

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will host a Public Broadcasting System (PBS) sponsored video conference "Exposing the Naked Truth: Use and Abuse of the Internet" from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, in the Alumni Theatre. For more information, call (201) 228-4424 ext. 323.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

WESTFIELD—The offices of the NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) of Union County is offering a seminar on "Sociocultural Influences on Adolescent Development: From Puberty to Young Adulthood". To register, call (908) 233-8810.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

ATLANTIC CITY—NJ Million Man March Coalition is having a State-Wide General Meeting at 6pm at the Lipton School Complex located at 353 Madison Ave. For more information call (800) 627-2419.

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Long Brancher exhibits her unique Christmas collectibles



LONG BRANCH—Odessa Dangler sat proudly next to her "down home at home" exhibit of a southern black homestead in her Long Branch home. The exhibit's centerpiece is a wooden replica of a typical rural home, which she and a friend, Patty Foggia, built piece-by-piece by hand, with no plans at all. Dangler said, "I just had fond memories of my childhood in Vidalia, Georgia." Dangler said that she keeps the Christmas display up until March, because she just enjoys sitting quietly looking at everything, and planning new accessories and improvements. Even her grandson, Jason Dangler, 5, "lets with grandma and helps." Throughout her living and dining rooms are several large glass display cabinets filled with her permanent collection of miniature figurines and collectibles.



FREEHOLD—Lee Perry gives last minute instruction to his Freehold team. Perry is director for basketball operations for the Scott Conover Youth Foundation, and a former Rutgers University basketball star.



Investors bank starts program to protect senior citizens

IRVINGTON—Investors Savings Bank institutes a program to protect the senior customers against fraud. From left, Mr. William L. Horahan, managing examiner, State of NJ Department of Banking; the Honorable Sara B. Bost, Mayor of Irvington; Mr. Adolph Goldenberg, representing the senior citizen community; Patrick J. Grant, President and CEO of Investors Savings Bank; and John A. Ruckstuhl, Branch Manager of the Investors office at 34 Union Ave., Irvington.

Israeli Police officials visit Newark



NEWARK—Officials of the Newark Police Department (NPD) recently played host to a delegation of Israeli law enforcement officials who are touring certain areas of America, studying police procedures. Chief Superintendent Ben Zachria of the Israeli National Police and Major General Yitzhak Amarnovitch Israeli National Police.

Representative in the US were greeted by Police Chief Thomas O'Reilly at the headquarters of the NPD, located at Franklin Street. The Israeli law enforcement officials met with Chief O'Reilly and a number of ranking Police Department representatives to study several aspects of police operations, such as funding for police services, police units and budget management.

AT&T was selected as Philanthropist of the year for making significant financial contributions to nonprofit organizations; employee volunteerism; donating its products and services to nonprofit groups; and a wide range of local initiatives throughout New Jersey. Other top winners this year include PSE&G, for its contribution to social welfare; GPU Energy, for its work within the field of education; Wakenef Food Corporation, for its service to health and the environment; and Campbell Soup Company, contributions to the arts.

Pictured from left: C. Roy Epps, director of the Civic League of Greater New Brunswick; Joe Karas, president of AT&T; Jim Kellogg, president of the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

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INTERNATIONAL
GHANA'S RAWLINGS
TAKES OATH

Jerry John Rawlings was inaugurated on Jan. 7, 1997 in Accra as the first incumbent Ghanaian head of state to be re-elected since the country became independent from Britain nearly three decades ago. Reports PANA, Ghana became the first Black African country to become independent on March 6, 1957. For Rawlings and his political party, the National Democratic Congress (NDC), the scene was a familiar one, having undergone a similar process in 1992 when they won power as the first government of the Fourth Republic. In 1992, the NDC swept into the House with 188 seats after some opposition parties boycotted the parliamentary elections. The significant opposition was National Convention Party, which obtained eight seats, while the Eagle Party got one seat. Three other seats went to independent candidates. All that is set to change this time with a better showing of the opposition in the December 1996 parliamentary elections. Although the NDC still has a majority with 133 seats, which is just about two-thirds of the House, it will face strong challenge from 60 parliamentarians who belong to the New Patriotic Party, five from the People's Convention Party and one from the People's National Convention. For Rawlings, it will set him up as the longest reigning head of state since Ghana's independence. By the time his next four-year term ends, he would have ruled for 19 years.

WORLD BANK UNVEILS
ANTI-POVERTY PLAN
FOR AFRICA

The World Bank has unveiled a new plan aimed at helping the sub-Saharan Africa fight poverty. The plan is contained in the bank's recently published report entitled "Taking action to reduce poverty in sub-Saharan Africa." PANA confirms that the plan includes the need to increase focus on rural development, a concerted effort to organize macroeconomic policy and public expenditure, a systematic assessment of project investments to determine if they might be carried out by the private sector and continuing support of collaborative research. The sub-Saharan region lags behind other regions because of political instability, weak state institutions, ineffective policies as well as low productivity in agriculture.

Black man
kidnapped,
white brothers
sentenced

MEADVILLE, PA. (AP)—Civil rights activists said the jail terms passed down to two white brothers convicted of kidnapping a black man send an important message to militant white supremacists.

Timothy and Bradley Braden were found guilty earlier of abducting Carl Lee Morton and forcing him to strip and jump from a bridge into an icy creek.

Crawford County Judge Anthony Vardano on Tuesday ordered Timothy Braden to 5-20 years in prison. Bradley Braden was ordered to serve to 4 1/2-17 years.

The president of the Meadville chapter of the NAACP William Massey described what the Bradens did as a disgrace and said he hoped their imprisonment would help deter racist attacks.

"The message has to be shown that it's got to stop," William Massey said.

Defense Attorney Dennis Williams had argued that the case had nothing to do with race. He said the Bradens described what the Bradens did as a disgrace and said he hoped their imprisonment would help deter racist attacks.

Morton had testified that Timothy Braden was angry with him because he said Morton had made food of him in front of a woman a claim Morton said he knew nothing about.

Bradley Braden, 35, is from Springboro, and Timothy Braden, 29, is from Kingsville, Ohio. Morton, 26, suffered frostbite and small cuts from the jump into Conneaut Creek.

"They were a threat to society, but they aren't now," said Morton's grandfather, Alonzo Morton.

Juries in November cleared the brothers of other charges including attempted homicide, aggravated assault and conspiracy. Timothy Braden was also accused of ethnic intimidation.

Simpson describes a long
relationship that wasn't ending pretty

SANTA MONICA, CA. (AP)—O.J. Simpson says he loved his ex-wife, though her erratic behavior in the final weeks of her life forced him to distance himself from her.

"It seemed to be problem after problem after problem," Simpson told jurors Friday in his civil wrongful death trial.

He returned to the stand six weeks after testifying as a hostile witness during the plaintiff's case, insisting he was anything but the obsessive, jealous man that opposition lawyers have portrayed.

In fact, after one particularly rough phone call from Nicole Brown Simpson, who was screaming about people he had invited to a charity dinner, Simpson told jurors he had had it.

"That was pretty much the last straw with me. I just decided that I needed to distance myself," he said.

Simpson is accused in a lawsuit of being responsible for the June 12, 1994, knifing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder charges. While his freedom is no longer at stake, the plaintiffs want legal vindication and millions of dollars in damages.

Simpson told jurors Friday that after he decided to halt contact with his ex-wife, orders went out to the maid and the personal assistant; no more phone calls from Ms. Simpson

unless the topic was their children, Sydney and Justin.

These were, as Simpson described, clearly the down times in a relationship that dated back to 1977, when Simpson first met Nicole Brown while he was wrapping up his storied pro football career.

Unfriendly questioning by his lawyer, Simpson denied accounts that he struck Ms. Simpson outside a veterinarian's office in the 1980s and again insisted he didn't beat her during a quarrel early New Year's Day 1989.

"It was a good relationship," Simpson said. "We were very much in love."

Simpson suggested the oft-published photo of a bruised Ms. Simpson actually supports his contention he didn't beat her.

"Did you ever take your hand back and close your fist and hit Nicole?" he was asked by defense attorney Robert Baker.

"Of course not," Simpson said. "She would have looked a little differently."

Simpson described an ordinary marriage between two strong-minded people who had their ups and downs. He never fully explained why they separated just that his wife said she had lived with me since she was 18 and she needed some free time."

After the final separation, he suggested that Ms. Simpson's behavior



O.J. Simpson

became increasingly troubled and she began running with a crowd he didn't like. For a time, he said she pursued him relentlessly, seeking to reconcile. But when they tried a reconciliation, problems recurred.

In the spring of 1994, he said he left to do a film in Puerto Rico and called her frequently, but her moods changed so drastically, "I didn't know who I was talking to from day to day."

Even after the final split, he portrayed himself as the benign protector of a woman he would always love and told how he brought soup to her as she fought pneumonia in May 1994—a month before she was slain.

Simpson returns to court Monday for more direct testimony, followed by cross-examination.

King bill to bar federal
funding for Ebonics

WASHINGTON, DC (AP)—Congressman Pete King, a Long Island Republican in the forefront of a movement to make English the official language of the United States, introduced a bill on Thursday that would bar federal money from school programs based on black English.

"Ebonics is the product of radical political correctness and ridiculous Afrocentrism," King said.

King, who has also been one of the most vocal critics of the black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, said "Ebonics is a racial stew of inner-city street slang and bad grammar; it is not a language."

The school board in Oakland, Calif., triggered a nationwide debate when it approved a policy last month to "recognize and understand" black English, or Ebonics, in its curriculum.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson originally opposed the initiative, but later softened his position.

Oakland school officials have said there was never any intention to teach Ebonics, a combination of the words ebon and phonics. Instead,

they said teachers will be trained to use black English as a way to teach standard English.

"He's not very well educated on the subject," Darolyn Davis, a spokeswoman for the Oakland schools, said of King.

"The objective of what the school district did in Oakland was to ensure that every student in the district speaks standard American English. That is our goal," she said.

A spokesman for Rep. Ronald Dellums, a Democrat from Oakland, said he knew of no requests for federal funds for Ebonics teaching and said the congressman would not comment on King's measure.

The objective... was to ensure that every student in the district speaks standard American English.

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EDITORIAL

Excerpted from
Letter from Birmingham City Jail:

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

...Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The urge for freedom will eventually come. This is what happened to the American Negro. Something within has reminded him of his birthright of freedom; something without has reminded him that he can gain it. Consciously and unconsciously, he has been swept in by what the Germans call the *Zeitgeist*, and with his black brothers of Africa, and his brown and yellow brothers of Asia, South America and the Caribbean, he is moving with a sense of cosmic urgency toward the promised land of racial justice. Recognizing this vital urge that has engulfed the Negro community, one should readily understand public demonstrations. The Negro has many pent-up resentments and latent frustrations. He has to get them out. So let him march sometimes; let him have his prayer pilgrimages to the city hall; understand why he must have sit-ins and freedom rides. If his repressed emotions do not come out in these nonviolent ways, they will come out in ominous expressions of violence. This is not a threat; it is a fact of history. So I have not said to my people "get rid of your discontent." But I have tried to say that this normal and healthy discontent can be channeled through the creative outlet of nonviolent direct action. Now this approach is being dismissed as extremist. I must admit that I was initially disappointed in being so categorized.

So the question is not whether we will be extremist but what kind of extremist will we be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love?

But as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a bit of satisfaction from being considered an extremist. Was not Jesus an extremist in love—"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you." Was not Amos an extremist for justice—"Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Was not Paul an extremist for the gospel of Jesus Christ—"I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Was not Martin Luther an extremist—"Here I stand, I can do no other so help me God." Was not John Bunyan an extremist—"I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience." Was not Abraham Lincoln an extremist—"This nation can not survive half slave and half free." Was not Thomas Jefferson an extremist—"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." So the question is not whether we will be extremist but what kind of extremist will we be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or will we be extremists for the cause of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill, three men were crucified. We must not forget that all three were crucified for the same crime—the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thusly fell before their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. So, after all, maybe the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists...

Letters to the Editor

Auto Reform Petition

Governor Whitman and our 120 Incumbents (incumbents are the people currently holding office) have the authority to: "Repeal SC6-1700, NJ's Vehicle Confiscation Law - Eliminate Surcharges - and they can Drastically Reduce Automobile Insurance Rates."

The point is the incumbents have the power to drastically reduce our costs for owning and operating automobiles in New Jersey. A major objective of every concerned motorist should be to make a direct correlation between incumbents and our state's motor vehicle crisis.

Don't let the incumbents get away with anything. They are responsible and can be held accountable. Repeal the 1997 General Election. Let's join together and give the incumbents a dose of apathy. Let's dump a bag of apathy in their laps. Let's organize a voters revolt and call it "Dump the incumbents fever."

I urge Governor Whitman to answer this guest ion if you and the other incumbents are not the problem then who is?

Anyone who wants two copies of our reform petition should send a self addressed stamped envelope to: "Auto reform petition, Tom Caslander, 123 Lionshead Drive West, Wayne, NJ 07470."

Thomas P. Caslander, Wayne

Ebionics

My view of what the Oakland School Board is attempting to do is use ebionics as a bridge to getting our young people to speak a more acceptable form of English.

Subsequently, the national media took the opportunity to re-enforce the idea of our continuing Paraholitics. Racism the incessant need for one group to dominate another, to perpetuate inferiority of African-Americans and the superiority of the dominant culture. Ebionics as a useful tool to educate African-American youth is problematic since Teacher Training & Preparation remains a low priority in most school districts. Parents should organize themselves to destroy racism, secure equal funding, and make sure dollars impact classroom, i.e. teacher training.

Dadli Sanyika, Newark

Eubie Blake is the only "you be" in my syntax.

Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

I use "ax"(or axe) to chop and "ask" to question. And the only "wil" I'm getting is the "whiff" (smell) of "Ebionics" in Oakland.

I am with the critics: Down with Ebionics, everywhere. With has no "f" ask no "x" and "you be" no place in correct English language usage. "Black English" or "Ebionics" is incorrect language usage, and when it is used in written and oral lessons by students, it should be consistently corrected by teachers. No exceptions. No excuses. To do otherwise undermines teachers and students.

The bomb shell dropped just before Christmas when an Oakland, Calif., school board decreed "Black English" a language whose speakers ought to be treated as foreigners, with standard English their second language, still ripples through the nation.

And those of us who are arguing against this nonsense are doing so out of care for the children: We know many of them must be helped out of isolation and under-achievement to a better future.

We are going through an "English only" period in which anti-im-

migrant conservatives are saying the nation needs to mandate one official language in business and government. We are also going through a period in which black youngsters' academic test scores are declining after a rise in the 1980s. We are living in a time of a rising under-class trapped in cities crumbling all around them.

Standard usage is required to get driver's licenses, to register to vote, to engage schoolteachers, to be a stu-

dent, to get a job and to keep a job. Just about everything we do requires the English language as spoken by Americans, the same Americans who, as scholars would preach "Black English" to cripple black kids.

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People in the real world cannot and will not tune their ears or stop the flow of any enterprise to understand or try to decipher baby talk, pigeon English or patois and neither should school teachers. Language, as access to education, government services and work, is an absolute necessity for

hara Jordan, this child, likely born in an inner city, will remain on the outside looking in. As an adult, the person will be virtually cut off from goods and services, from educational, social and economic opportunities that might otherwise have been available to the person.

One Oakland official said what they are doing has "nothing to do with students," so my question is: If what they are doing has nothing to do with students and their education—why in God's name are

they doing it? And why are opportunistic black scholars, in supporting "Black English," building their own reputations on the backs of black school children (and their unsuspecting parents)?

Ebionics opens the way for double isolation and the dumping of "different" kids. As schools have isolated black kids, predominantly, in the special education (attention deficit disorder, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded) elementary, middle and high school classes, they will also dump them in the black phonics classes. And the so-called "respect for their language" and "black pride" will backfire on them.

"We know what to do, we just don't do it," a high school English teacher told me.

Let the teachers do what they know how to do—without regard for parents' "blackness" or school boards' spinelessness, if they really are serious about increasing academic performance among kids in general and black kids in particular. After all, teachers are the ones who studied the psychology of development and early childhood, the teaching and learning theories and strategies, and the various subject matter concentrations.

Will African Americans choose to liberate our minds in the new century?

By Michael A. Grant, J.D.
Special to the CNP

Will we begin a new year, looking forward to a new century, even a new millennium, nudging into the future burdened with the heavy and self-defeating conditioning of the past or will we, by conscious effort, change our way of thinking by ardently reprogramming our minds to become masters our fates?

It is the dawning of a new phase of our evolution in America. The time has come for true liberation—the freeing of our minds. In many ways, this will be the most difficult challenge in our long quest for social and political equality in America. Difficult, but certainly not impossible. Difficult, but also most pregnant with potential.

At this phase of our struggle, the burden of proof has shifted. The onus of what happens to us now shifts from white America to black America and from the blanket protection of mass leadership to a vulnerable, individual initiative, individual courage, and individual responsibility.

At the termination of our physical servitude, someone else was forced by political and economic necessity to emancipate our bodies. Someone else removed the shackles from our ankles.

During the second major phase of

our liberation in this country, messianic leadership and group cohesiveness broke the manacles on our hands, rendering them free to participate in the political process. On many levels, the civil rights movement was successful.

But now, only the individual can liberate himself or herself. For no mortal is powerful enough to free the mind of another. Freeing the mind is an individual decision. It will demand painstaking effort. It will require courage because it is fraught with uncertainty. Each individual

must—moment by moment—choose to be his or her own liberator. At best, charismatic leadership can only act as a catalyst to spark the process.

What would motivate the individual to undertake such a Herculean task? The rewards of "the mind's true liberation" are inestimable. There are virtually no limits. A reprogrammed mind shifts its focus. Perception about what is possible expands exponentially. One begins to experience the awesome power inherent in the act of co-creation. The individual no longer feels helpless

and hopeless.

The individual no longer feels powerless in the face of unrelenting circumstances or diminished in the shadow of another's perceived superior position.

Liberating the mind steers the soul and places each of us squarely where we were destined to be: Masters overseeing the field of sowing and reaping where we alone are held accountable, but also where we will be richly rewarded for deciding to take control of our magnificent lives.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

PLAINFIELD—The United National Bank Community Education Center will hold a Business Clinic from 6-8:30 p.m. at 208 W. Second St. For more information call (908) 756-5000.

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CLIFTON—Essex Computers, Inc. will hold a Pre-Press and Networking Technology Fair from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 164 Arlington Rd. For more information call (201) 773-2500 ext. 20.

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PARITAN—The Onho McNeil Pharmaceutical discussions groups on the topic "Issues Affecting Women in a Global Corporate Environment" will be held at 1000 U.S. Hwy. 202.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Urban Enterprise Zone, in conjunction with the NJ Economic Development Authority, is sponsoring an Entrepreneurial Training Institute for aspiring business owners from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at 177 Springfield Ave. Fee required. For more information, call (201) 999-5636.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

ELIZABETH—The Union County College will have a third Entrepreneurial Training Institute from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Elizabeth Campus. For more information call (908) 289-0252 ext. 114.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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Jesse Jackson praises Texaco for punishing executives

NEW YORK (AP)—Texaco's decision to punish four executives caught on tape belittling blacks shocked the company is serious about ending discrimination, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said.

Civil rights leaders halted a nationwide boycott of Texaco after the oil giant pledged to give women and minorities better treatment and settled a \$176 million race-discrimination suit.

Jackson, who helped lead the boycott, said the executives cost the company a lot of money.

"These executives caused Texaco international embarrassment and \$176 million," Jackson said Thursday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "They were very expensive players."

Texaco has announced workplace reforms prompted by the lawsuit, in which 1,400 minority employees claimed Texaco reserved the best promotions and biggest raises for whites and subjected blacks to harassment.

Jackson praised Texaco Chairman Peter Bijur, who announced Wednesday the firing of one executive and the suspension of another. The company also eliminated benefits for two retirees.

"You cannot leave in place the people that managed the toxic culture at Texaco," Jackson said. "This is consistent with Peter's commitment to follow through on changes in the company."

One of the retirees punished was Richard Lundwall, the executive who made the tapes and released them to the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Lundwall and a second retiree, Robert Ulrich, who was Texaco's treasurer, mocked the black cultural celebration Kwanzaa. Lundwall is the only Texaco executive charged so far in the federal investigation into whether documents sought by the plaintiffs were destroyed, as is suggested on the tapes.

David Kough, who was an assistant treasurer when the tapes were made in 1994 and had become chief financial officer of the Texaco subsidiary Hedding Insurance, was fired. He had been suspended since November, shortly after the tapes became public.

Peter Meade, assistant general manager of Texaco's fuel and marine marketing division, who had also been suspended, will be suspended for two weeks more and was ordered to attend sensitivity training.

SBA, Summit launch MicroLoan Program

NEWARK, NJ—The US Small Business Administration (SBA) and Summit Bank launched a pilot program that will provide the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium with a loan to fund its MicroLoan Demonstration Program.

Under the program, Summit Bank will provide a \$578,926 loan to the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium, which will be backed by a 100 percent guaranty from the SBA.

Created by the SBA in 1993, the MicroLoan Demonstration Program enlists locally based non-profit organizations to provide loans under \$25,000 to small businesses and start-up companies.

Initially, funding for the program came directly from the SBA's budget. Since 1993, the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium has received two loans from the SBA totaling \$1 million. With that money, the Consortium has approved 73 MicroLoans to small businesses located in Bergen, Essex Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic and Somerset Counties.

In making the announcement, Francisco A. Marrero, SBA's New Jersey district director, said, "Today's agreement with Summit Bank marks a small business community through a unique private/public partnership."

"The MicroLoan Program has given hope and created opportunity to those who require small loans that are not always available to small business owners through the conventional way," said Marrero.

Joining Marrero, in making the

announcement, were Michael Land, vice president, manager of government guarantees lending for Summit Bank, Kenneth Fromer, president of the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium, David Means, director of the MicroLoan Program and the Consortium and Stanley Weiss, senior VP of City National Bank.

"Summit Bank is pleased to have participated in the development of a pilot loan program to assist microloan organizations such as the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium," said Land. "We at Summit Bank believe that microloan lenders fill a need in the community by providing funding and support to very small businesses and start-up companies that may not qualify for bank lending programs."

The Consortium is one of 103 SBA MicroLoan intermediaries located throughout the country. According to Marrero, the pilot program will be used to provide additional financing to nineteen other intermediaries.

Based on the results of the pilot, SBA will make a determination as to whether the agency adopts the pilot as a way to fund SBA MicroLoan Demonstration Programs.

"Our lending program is aimed at the small business person who may not meet the basic lending criteria of the banking community," said Fromer. "We are proud of our program and we are sure that we have the formula to continue our success in helping small businesses grow in New Jersey."

According to Means, loans will carry a fixed rate of 9 percent and will be serviced by City National Bank of Newark.



Done Deal: Michael Land, vice president, Manager of Government Guarantee Lending for Summit Bank (left center) with Francisco "Pancho" Marrero, SBA New Jersey district director (far left); Joseph Marr, senior loan officer for Newark Coalition Small Business Development organization (right); and James Kocsi, SBA Deputy District Director (far right).

Union County forms workforce board

UNION COUNTY—Essential to a strong economy in Union County is a trained and skilled workforce, especially in order to compete in today's global economy. To support this goal, Union County government officials have initiated educational and training programs to help its citizens acquire the skills and knowledge needed to enter or re-enter the workforce, to become productive contributors to society, and to enjoy a healthy quality of life.

"The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) broadly defines that the WIB will also assess community needs with a special emphasis on urban areas and special needs school districts, and coordinate local resources in support of welfare reform efforts to move recipients of public assistance into work activities," said Joseph Steiner, WIB chairman and president of the Suburban Chambers

of Commerce. "Also, the WIB will address the concerns of women and minorities, often marginally considered populations who constitute the majority of new entrants to the workforce, by developing specific plans and activities for them."

"The WIB will establish a marketing and development strategy to raise awareness of the purpose and functions of the Workforce Investment Board, according to the state guidelines," said Union County Manager Ann Baran.

Entrepreneurial Training in Irvington

The Irvington Urban Enterprise Zone, in conjunction with the NJ Economic Development Authority, is sponsoring an Entrepreneurial Training Institute for aspiring business owners. This intensive eight-week seminar provides an innovative combination of training, technical assistance and financing opportunities to help you initiate, manage and maintain a successful business. The eight-week course will run each Wednesday, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Irvington Senior Citizen Center, 1077 Springfield Avenue, beginning January 22, 1997 and ending on March 12, 1997.

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Reflections on Martin Luther King, Jr.

"His dream is the dream of a lot of people. Race relations today are more complex. We have to work even harder today to eradicate prejudices and racism, especially in the workplace," said Frank Bolden, Jr., Vice President at Johnson & Johnson.



"A quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that I refer to often and try to live by daily is 'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.' I want my legacy to be that I dedicated my life to helping my community and rose to life's most difficult challenges," said Shirley Ward, Manager of Urban Initiatives at PSE&G.

Congressman Donald M. Payne of New Jersey's 10th district said: "Dr. King's birthday holiday has given us the opportunity to conscientiously focus on how we as individuals can impact on our society and work for its betterment. Dr. King's unique capacity to make each of us aware that we are indeed 'our brother's keeper' can only help us as we move towards societal changes where a sense of community and each helping the other must be the order of the day."



"I think his dream lives on. It's a matter of making the dream become a reality. We have a lot to do. When Dr. King was alive, racism was more out in the open. In addition, the enemy is not solely without, it is within our community. I don't think blacks want to deal with racism. Race is used as an excuse of why we can't take advantage of opportunities that are out there. On the other hand, whites and others are saying that the playing field is level," Rev. Reginald Jackson, pastor at St. Matthew's AME, in Orange.

"Race relations are better in some respects than others. Texaco sent a strong message that we can't go to sleep... We must come together in our working relations to eradicate racism," said Howard West, president of Asbury Park-Neptune branch of the NAACP.



"The importance of Martin Luther King Day is that in commemorating Dr. King, we have the opportunity to join together as a nation to not only remember Dr. King's struggles and vision, but also to renew our efforts to achieve Dr. King's goals. Each crisis brings its word and deed. These words were spoken about Dr. King when the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday legislation was signed. Through his words and deeds, Dr. King aroused the conscience of our nation to make racial discrimination illegal. It is up to all of us, through our words and deeds, to respond to the current crisis facing our country—the well-being of our youth—and use, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1997 as a rallying point for committing ourselves to work toward providing our children with the opportunities they need to achieve personal and economic success."

"Let us arouse the conscience of our nation about the crisis facing our children and continue to keep Dr. King's dreams for America alive not just by words, but by our deeds as well," said Barbara Wright Bell, president of the Amelior Foundation.

CELEBRATING THE DREAM

From to Alberta King and Baptist Minister Michael Luther King in 1929, Michael Luther King, Jr., later renamed Martin Luther King, Jr., would become one of the most celebrated civil rights activists. On Monday, January 20, millions around the world, and right here in New Jersey will celebrate the 68th birthday and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At age 19, King graduated from Morehouse College, in Atlanta. After finishing Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Penn., two years later Martin would wed Coretta Scott of Marion Alabama.

In 1954, King moved to Montgomery, Alabama to preach at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. In May of 1954, the controversial Brown v. Board of Education was handed down. The nation was forced to integrate. And, many whites retaliated. Many whites also supported the movement.

Since then, the legal era of the civil rights movement was taking shape.

One December afternoon in 1955, Rosa Parks, a 45-year-old seamstress refused to give up her seat to a white man on the Montgomery Bus. This marked the beginning of a period of non-violent protest. It would lead to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, directed by Dr. King's, Montgomery Improvement Association. One year later, the courts would rule public segregation on buses illegal.

1956

On January 26, 1956, King was arrested for driving 30 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. Five days later his house was bombed.

The black church, the life line of the community, played a crucial role in leading the struggle.

In 1957, King was named the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a group that would amass grass-roots level support for the civil rights fight.

King would travel some 780,000 miles and give 208 speeches in support of civil rights. A year later, King would publish his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*. While in Harlem, promoting the book, King is stabbed by an African American woman.

In 1959, King visited Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian civil rights leader, from whom King mirrored his passive resistance techniques.

In 1960, King returns to Atlanta, Georgia to pastor his father's church, Ebenezer Baptist Church. Civil Rights for blacks emerges as a crucial issue in the 1960s. King emphasized the power of the black vote.

One month before elections, Kennedy was arrested during an Atlanta sit-in and was sentenced to four months in Reidsville Penitentiary, 300 miles from Atlanta, in the heart of KKK country.

The then, Senator Kennedy promised King's wife that he would help get her husband out of this life-threatening situation. King was soon released from prison.

With King's endorsement, Kennedy won 75 percent of the vote in the 1960 election. The black vote did prove powerful, especially since Kennedy won by a slim margin.

King attracted many in the fight for civil rights. College students throughout the country staged sit-ins at lunch counters to gain access. Freedom riders from throughout the country went to Montgomery, Alabama to desegregate public transportation under the threat of violence.

King continued to urge Kennedy to sign civil rights legislation during his meeting with him in 1962.

In 1963, King leads protest in Birmingham, Alabama to support department store desegregation and fair hiring practices. In April of that year, after being arrested for defiance of a court order, King wrote *Letter From Birmingham Jail*.

In 1963, the violence unleashed by Birmingham police would come into the living rooms of television viewers across the nation. Police dogs would tear at the flesh of innocent men, women and children. The tremendous pressure from free houses would not dampen the spirit of protesters. In August of 1963, King delivered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech to over 250,000 civil rights supporters. Later that year King was awarded the Noble Peace Prize.

1963

In November 1963, television viewers witnessed more violence as President John F. Kennedy, a clear supporter of civil rights was gunned down in Dallas, Texas.

The civil rights movement was at its peak. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed commanding the south's

practices of restricting black voter registration. King successfully registered to vote in Selma, Ala. King was later jailed for continuing voter rights demonstrations. On Feb. 9, King, along with other leaders met with President Lyndon B. Johnson to urge voter rights and protection. In the face of white hecklers, from March 16-21, King led a 3,200 person march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., the 39-year-old, father of four, was gunned down by James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tenn. King was beginning to speak out against the Vietnam war.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday How it came to be

On April 8, 1968, four days after King's assassination, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., proposes that King's birthday become a holiday.

The following year, over 1,200 auto workers from Tarrytown, N.Y., stay home from work in observance of King's holiday.

On March 25, 1970, Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., anti-war Luther King Bi-partisan support had to be mustered to overcome opposition by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who labeled King a Communist.

Five days later, California made King's birthday an official school holiday. In July of that same year, the Seattle School Board designated.

Economic concerns dominated the opposition's argument. The services lost were estimated at \$18 million for the federal government.

Other opposition included complaints that it was too close to the Christmas-New Year's holiday. Rep. Katie Hall, D-Indiana, decided to move the holiday to the third Monday in January. The idea of a three-day holiday that falls after the Super Bowl, put the bill over the top.

Mass marches in 1982 for voting rights and in 1983 to mark the 20th anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" Speech added pressure to the fight for the holiday.

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Martin Luther King Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997

JERSEY CITY—Scholar and author Dr. James Washington, will deliver the keynote address at the eighth annual Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast 7:30am at the Jersey City State College, 2039 Kennedy Blvd. The program will feature entertainment, an African dance class and poets. For more information call (201) 200-3426.

PLAINFIELD—The Neighborhood House Association presents "A Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Celebration" featuring Live Entertainment 7pm at 644 W. 4th St. \$2.00-Adults/\$1.00 Students & Seniors.

PLAINFIELD—The Public Library presents "A Storytelling Time and Film Program" in honor of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. 3:30pm at Park Ave. & 8th St. For more information call (908) 757-1111.

WESTFIELD—St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Cranford, "Westfield Area Martin L. King Service" - The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, speaker 7:30pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1997

NEWARK—Yolanda King, noted actress and lecturer, will be the keynote speaker at the Newark YM/YWCA's 26th Annual Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the Newark Club.

PLAINFIELD—Central Jersey Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites you to embrace the dream "Anthrology of the Life and Works of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr." 7pm at 718 Wallingburg Ave. \$10.00-Adults/\$5.00-Children (free under 5 yrs.) & Seniors.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1997

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presents "Martin L. King, Jr. A Tribute to Leadership" featuring "Music & Literature for Young People & Adults" 2-4pm, at Park Ave. & 8th St. The event is free.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1997

PLAINFIELD—Mohawk Lodge #307 & Mohawk Temple #191 presents "A Reception for Children in Honor of Martin L. King, Jr." 3pm at 1387 W. 3rd St. Event is free.

PLAINFIELD—The First Unitarian Society presents "A Message of Commitment" in celebration of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday 10am at 724 Park Ave. Free admission.

HILLSIDE—The High School will hold a commemoration of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. The keynote speaker is Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson, Esq.

PISCATAWAY—Piscataway Interdenominational Martin L. King Service, North Shelton A.M.E. Church, The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, speaker 4 pm.

EAST ORANGE—United Clergy of the Oranges, Martin L. King Service of Celebration, Park Avenue Christian Church, 17th and Park Avenue, The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, speaker.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1997

PLAINFIELD—The Frontiers International presents their annual "Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast" 9am - 12pm at the High School cafeteria, Kenyon Ave. entrance. General admission \$15.00 - adults \$12.00 students & seniors.

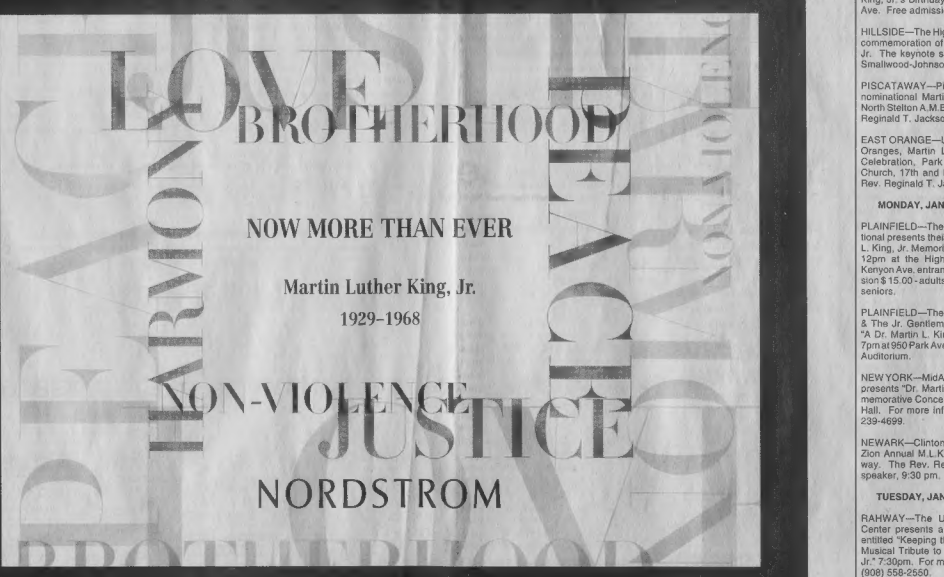
PLAINFIELD—The Gentleman's Club & The Jr. Gentleman's Club presents "A Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration" 7pm at 950 Park Ave. at the High School Auditorium.

NEW YORK—MidAmerica Productions presents "Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Commemorative Concert" 8pm at Carnegie Hall. For more information call (212) 239-4699.

NEWARK—Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Annual M.L.K. Breakfast, Broadway. The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, speaker, 9:30 pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1997

RAHWAY—The Union County Arts Center presents a free performance, entitled "Keeping the Dream Alive: A Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin L. King, Jr." 7:30pm. For more information call (908) 558-2550.



LOCAL

NBA's Gatling buys Irvington PAL

JFK and Muhlberg Medical Center talk merger

PLAINFIELD, NJ—Muhlberg Regional Medical Center Board of Governors and the JFK Health Systems Boards of Directors have approved an agreement letter to study a merger. This is the first step on a path to a definitive agreement between the two organizations. The process is expected to take between 90 and 120 days.

A joint steering committee of representatives of both organizations will be making recommendations to both organizations' parent boards for final approval.

According to John R. Kopicki, president and chief executive officer of Muhlberg and John P. McGee, president and chief executive officer at JFK, both organizations have strong traditions of commitment and service to their communities and share similar organizational cultures.

"We decided to explore the possibility of a merger because of our commonality of missions and to help both facilities offer the highest quality, cost-efficient care to consumers in today's changing health care environments," explains Mr. Kopicki.

"In addition, many physicians in central New Jersey have privileges in both of our facilities and use both to benefit their patients. Therefore, combining services as an integrated system is logical for patients and physicians," Kopicki added.

According to both men, the relationship has the potential to help both organizations meet the community's emerging health care needs.

Muhlberg Regional Medical Center is a 399-bed regional teaching facility providing care to residents in Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties. JFK Health Systems includes the 535-bed JFK Medical Center, comprised of the Anthony M. Jelenkiewicz Community Hospital and the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, three JFK Hospital Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Centers, home care, hospice and more.

FORMER PLAINFIELD MAYOR RICHARD TAYLOR JOINS MICHARD TAYLOR JOINS MICHARD TAYLOR

PLAINFIELD, NJ—If you don't know Richard Taylor, you might think he is a man of the cloth particularly if you have ever listened to him speak. He is the former mayor, social activist, and war hero has preached his first sermon as he prepares to join the ministry. It's no surprise since since his good deeds and many are Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton. Taylor has always been a strong supporter of the church, it has finally called him home.

IRVINGTON, NJ—The NBA's Dallas Mavericks' center forward Chris Gatling, a former Irvington resident who returned home last September to donate \$25,000 toward the township's acquisition of the defunct Police Athletic League building, has purchased the facility for \$135,000 and will lease it to the municipality for \$1 per year. Mayor Sara B. Bost announced today.

The transaction clears a major financial obstacle that faced Irvington in its plan to buy and renovate the building. For over two years, "it has been our intention to restore the PAL property to its former glory as a first rate multipurpose recreation center," Bost said, "and with the overwhelming generosity displayed by Chris Gatling, I believe that we can fulfill our goal." Since 1994, the approximately 29,000 square foot facility has been empty with no electricity or running water.

In February 1996, the Mayor signed a contract to purchase the facility from PAL, Inc. for \$135,000, the estimated amount of outstanding debts, including an \$85,000 principal on the mortgage and \$15,000 in interest. The agreement also required the township to allow the organization to keep a portion of the building for its programs on a leasehold basis for \$1 per year. However, due to a fiscal crisis, the township was unable to allow any of its budget toward procurement.

After seeking donations from the private sector, Bost was able to elicit interest from Gatling, who initially



Mayor Sara B. Bost accepts a \$25,000 check for the Irvington Police Athletic League building last September from NBA star Chris Gatling of the Dallas Mavericks.

gave \$25,000, and who has now assumed the entire cost of the PAL center, where, as a youngster, he played basketball, baseball and soccer.

"The PAL was very important to me growing up. It was the place where I started to nurture my skills and abilities to become a professional basketball player," Gatling said. "I felt I had to do something for the kids who don't have the opportunities I did."

"Not only has Chris been a joy to work with, but so has his entire family, and I just want to express my deepest gratitude to them for their genuine concern in the future of the Township of Irvington and its citizens," Bost added.

Under terms of the current proposed agreement, drawn up on December 30, 1996, Gatling will lease the building for \$1 per year to the township, which in turn will sublet a portion to the PAL for \$1, as agreed to in the original contract for purchase.

The township must raise the money for renovation, estimated at \$500,000, and has agreed to do so by the end of this year. The Mayor plans to finance the project by utilizing funds available from federal grants, in addition to securing contributions for equipment and materials from Irvington's business sector and ordinary citizens. "Anyone with construction skills or who wants to donate appropriate materials should contact the Irvington Department of Parks and Recreation," Bost said. "We need your help."

Although the building is structurally sound, it will require new roofing, heating and electrical systems, the latter of which succumbed to heavy floods in 1993. Bost said she wants these systems quickly replaced so the building can be used as soon as possible. The complete restoration and renovation of the PAL building is expected to take up to 12 months.

"I get so many inquiries from citizens about the facility, so yes, I am anxious for its restoration," Bost said.

In addition to the actual rehab work, the municipality is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the facility.

Gatling will play no role in the day-to-day operation or execution of programs, except in prearranged "specials," like basketball camp and award ceremonies. Further administrative plans call for the PAL building to house the Department of Parks and Recreation, which will manage the facility and host educational, social and cultural activities, such as basketball, including midnight games, racquet ball (a court exists on premises); tutoring/consumption programs, dancing; and women's exercise programs, for the general population.

Charles Talley, manager of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said, "We hope that the PAL building will once again serve as an oasis, a special place for our youngsters, and give them a viable alternative to loitering and disruptive behavior."

New Jersey's youngest liver transplant patient enjoys the holidays

By Kaytlyn Dines

Like many young children, Jasmine Michelle Domingue woke up on Christmas Day at approximately 8:30 a.m. and headed straight for the presents under the colorful Christmas tree in the living room. Her new dolls, a stuffed-toy Dalmatian, and the computer she requested surrounded the tree. However, unlike other toddlers her age, weeks after birth Jasmine was diagnosed with a potentially fatal liver disease.

Three years and two liver transplants later, Jasmine's mother, Newark resident Jeanne Joseph said, "(Jasmine) is doing wonderfully. It's been a miracle." Approximately five months ago, Jasmine underwent the second liver transplant and as a result she was temporarily unable to walk and talk.

Joseph gave thanks to God, health care practitioners and therapy for her daughter's progress. In addition, three-year-old Jasmine has gained the strength to walk, talk, and play on her computer. "God has a way of working through man. All the powers came from God. Very soon doctors will be making people," Joseph said with laughter. Now able to smile Joseph mentioned of times when her

daughter's condition was a source of tears, screams and prayers.

Throughout it all, "(Dr. McLaughlin) took her patients seriously, that you would figure they were her own kids. She's with you when you are crying, she's with you when you are happy, she's with you when you are sad," said Joseph of Dr. Lucille McLaughlin, director of the pediatric liver transplant program.

Baburo Koneur, M.D., chief of the division of transplantation, and Adrian Fisher, M.D. both of the Liver Transplant Program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) performed the seven-hour procedure on Jasmine, the state's youngest liver transplant patient.

According to Dr. Koneur, Jasmine was born with biliary atresia, which is the absence or inadequate size of bile ducts extending from the liver to intestine. People afflicted with biliary atresia are unable to excrete bile, a yellow fluid normally produced by the liver and excreted to the intestines to aid in food digestion. Without a proper functioning liver, the body is unable to absorb adequate protein and calories.

Dr. Koneur explained, "One of the problems with chronic liver disease is failure to grow. This trend is reversed after the liver transplant, although a lot of pa-



Pictured from left is Adrian Fisher, M.D. Jeanne Joseph (Jasmine's mother) and Baburo Koneur, M.D.

tients do not regain the full height and weight of an individual without liver disease," said Dr. Koneur.

"We were definitely very disappointed when the first liver that we put in did not work and she became quite ill. She did have major complications and we were quite worried about whether she would make it or not," Dr. Koneur admitted.

Dr. Koneur explained, "More than 4,000 liver transplants are performed in the United States annually. In fact, 14 percent of these trans-

plants are done on children under the age of ten. Approximately 60 to 70 percent of liver transplant patients are alive and doing well five years later. "This kind of a problem, biliary atresia, occurs once out of every 20,000 or 30,000 births," said Dr. Koneur.

Currently, Jasmine has taken two anti-rejection medications to improve the results of the transplant and to prevent rejection of the new organ. However, Jasmine's mother smiled when referring to her daughter's mobility as being "back to normal."

Whitman, Hall meet with Parent Volunteer Academy

Governor Christie Whitman and Newark School Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall met with the Parent Volunteer Academy to discuss the importance of the role of parents in the education of their children when they met with parents and staff of the Newark Parent Volunteer Academy.

The Newark Parent Volunteer Academy Program promotes the educational success of all children through the integration of parent volunteer services into the daily life of the Newark public schools.

Governor Whitman said: "I applaud the parents of the children of Newark who are committed and dedicated in helping the state provide a quality education. Parents play an integral role in the education of their children. 'It is important that we all work together to support the school district. All of us have a stake in the success of the Newark schools.'"

During her visit, Gov. Whitman also reaffirmed her commitment to Newark and highlighted Newark School District Superintendent Beverly Hall's accomplishments in delivering a quality education to the schoolchildren in Newark.

"In just a short, period of time, Dr. Hall has made significant improvements in ensuring that a quality education is taking place in Newark for the first time in a generation," said Gov. Whitman. "This lays the groundwork for a true renaissance in the state's largest school district."

The Newark School District was taken over by the state in July 1995 because the children of Newark were not being adequately educated. A state investigation conducted prior to the takeover revealed many abuses committed by the Newark Board of Education, including having house accounts at 32 restaurants, taking extravagant trips to places such as Hawaii, receiving courtesy cars at taxpayers' expense and failing to keep its 82 school buildings in acceptable condition.

"In the first year of state operation, Dr. Hall has made substantial progress through her initiatives to involve parents in their children's education, evaluate and improve the performance of the school principals, as well as teachers, keep at-risk students in school, and clean up the long neglected buildings to make them safe and inviting for children to learn," said Gov. Whitman.

Corporate Forum discusses affirmative action

By Sonia Kimble-Elis

served as volunteers at the facility. "To see this great turnout is like a homecoming," said City News Publisher Dr. Henry Johnson.

Panelists discussed the economics of Affirmative Action in the workplace. With community leaders, cor-

porate employees, human resource personnel and political leaders in attendance, the forum attracted nearly 200 participants including Jersey City Councilwoman Melissa Hallows, Al McWilliams, Councilman-at-Large Plainfield, Walter D. McNeil, Jr. Union County Freeholder.

The panel, moderated by Robert Pickett, a former judge and widely known host of KISS-FM's "Open Line" talk show, consisted of Warren I. Smith, an attorney known for his cases dealing with affirmative action issues, Assemblywoman Nia Gill, Democratic Minority Whip of the New Jersey Assembly, and Hamilton Bowser, President of Evanbow Construction Company.

The event gave guests a chance to network and provided the perfect atmosphere for enhancing business opportunities and making contact. The primary issue of interest however, was Affirmative Action. "With things coming to the surface at Texaco, Denny's and Avis, this has become a very important issue. We hope this discussion can lead to concrete action steps," said Dale Caldwell of

Deloitte & Touche.

One of the key issues brought to the table was what effects a proposed bill to eliminate Affirmative Action in New Jersey, sponsored by two Republican Assemblymen, would have on minority employees and businesses. Their bill is similar to Cali-

fornia's Proposition 209 (ending Affirmative Action). According to Nia Gill, the bill (#A2533) calls for the total elimination of minority contracting program. "We're mounting an aggressive campaign to stop this bill in the state assembly."

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Panelists, Assemblywoman Nia Gill and Ham Bowser, president of Evanbow Construction chat at the Corporate Forum

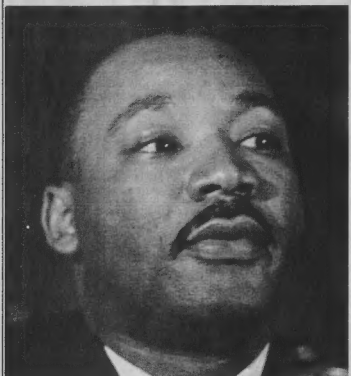
ly Bryd of Bell Atlantic, conference organizer.

PLAINFIELD, NJ—Concern about recent attacks on Affirmative Action and spurred by corporate downsizing, nearly 200 corporate representatives, community representative and political leader braved the cold on Friday night to hear a panel discussion issues related to affirmative action. New Jersey Corporate Forum, which is coalition of employees from such corporations as Bell Atlantic, AT&T, PSE&G, Nabors, Johnson & Johnson, Hoechst Celanese, Merck & Co., The Prudential, Lucent Technologies, Merrill Lynch, Bell Core and Deloitte Touche, organized the event.

On Friday, January 10, the New Jersey Corporate Forum held the first in a series of panel discussions at the Black United Fund Community Center in Plainfield. The Center, under the leadership of recently hired director Sandra Clark, sparked with new paint and shiny floors, welcomed its corporate guests, some of whom

LIFESTYLES

What if King were still alive?



Airing on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, "President King" asks: What if Martin Luther King, Jr., had survived the 1968 attempt on his life and gone on to become the first black President of the United States? The episode includes interviews with a number of King's colleagues, including Julian Bond, Congressman John Lewis, and C.T. Vivian, acting as if King had gone on to become President. Also featured in this episode are historian Ed Berkowitz, Harvard psychiatrist Alvin Poussaint, and Columbia University economist Seymour Melman. President King premieres Wednesday, January 15.

Woodruff honored by Jewish center

MILLBURN—The American Jewish Committee (AJC) Metropolitan N.J. chapter, in conjunction with the West Orange Human Relations Commission, is sponsoring a special performance of a unique prejudice reduction/civil rights program entitled *The Right to Dream* on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, 7:30 p.m. at the ICC of Metropolitan N.J. in West Orange.

This special performance is open to the community and is being dedicated to the memory of Connie Woodruff who was chair of the West Orange Human Relations Commission upon her death in October 1996. "We are proud to present this program to the community to commemorate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King and to recognize Connie Woodruff, a community activist who worked tirelessly in N.J. to promote civil rights and combat prejudice," said Susan Meier, President of the Metro AJC chapter.

The Right to Dream is the story of the civil rights struggle as told through the eyes of a young black man as he comes of age in Mississippi during the 1950's and 60's.



Utilizing an actor and video footage simultaneously, this program highlights civil rights issues and leads audiences to understand how the fight against prejudice has shaped the nation's history.

For more information on the pre-view performance in West Orange or on arranging a performance in your school/corporation, please contact AJC at 201-379-7844.

HOROSCOPE

BY MISS ANNA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Use all of the resources available to you. A family argument may take some extra attention to straighten out, with no serious fallout. You may need to make some choices - between spending more quality time with family and friends, or advancing at work.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)

There seems to be some apparent conflict, but it is of a healthy variety, and may yield some unexpected benefits in the form of totally new approaches to routine situations. Don't let these hasty decisions regarding financial matters until you know the whole story.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)

You and your significant other may make a wonderful connection and the sense that you are growing closer will bring both of you joy. Success will be yours, even if it is of a low-key nature. You know you've made great strides, and soon the right people will notice.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)

Try to take it easy this week. You have been going at a frantic pace, and it will start to catch up with you. Decisions made hastily may be flawed, so put off action until you have all the facts. Trust yourself to something special, and maybe something a little frivolous.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)

You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but no need to worry because your work is usually above reproach. Expect a little bit of delay, because soon you'll be riding on the crest of success. The spotlight is yours, you deserve it.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)

Prosperity is an issue, so instead of whining, take action. Work a little harder and you'll be surprised at the financial results. A surge of inspiration will enable you to get through any potentially rough situations - clear all avenues of communication.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)

Use your clout to get some new and different changes off the ground at work. Friends and co-workers can really come in handy now. You're working for no less than the greater good of all involved - remember this. Don't be taken in by careless flirting with someone new.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)

Keeping your nose to the grindstone is admirable to a point, but you might make a better impression with superiors if your approach is more balanced. Learn to give some responsibilities to others if you are interested in a management position.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)

You tend to keep your emotional distress to yourself, and this might not be for the best. Allow someone close to penetrate your defenses. Your beauty comes from within, and create love that is obvious to others around you. Make plans carefully to assure a positive outcome.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)

A little contemplation will get your week off on a calm and clear path. You are pleased with the results up until now, but do want to improve your work. Allow troublesome obstacles to dissolve themselves. You can't hasten this process by hovering and worrying needlessly.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)

Is your current relationship a little unbalanced? If so, playing the role too faithfully can bring resentment and boredom. Maybe a planned weekend pleasure trip is just what the doctor ordered. One or both of you may need to learn something new. Make peace with inevitable changes.

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)

When working on your financial plan for the future, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. Anything which looks definite may not be beneficial in the end. Diversify investments and don't expect to get rich overnight. Any health problems are probably from neglect.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Catch up on correspondence with friends. Be wary though, encounters with others may end in emotional outbursts, which may leave you a bit bewildered. You may feel that you are constantly at battle with your significant other, which leads you nowhere.

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Youth For United Way at work during the Holidays

LINDEN, NJ—Linden High School's "Youth for United Way," a community service organization with an enrollment of about 50 students this year, reached out this holiday season by performing a number of projects during the month of December.

Their projects included gathering clothing, shoes and canned goods which were distributed to the YMCA of Plainfield and to Madison House, a program of the YMCA of Eastern Union County. They assisted members from the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County with their holiday shopping, on Peer Shopping Day. The students also served lunch and socialized with seniors, including dancing the "Macarena" at the Linden Grigoriol Center.

More projects are currently being developed for later on in the school year. Developed as an extracurricular activity at the high school, "Youth for United Way" educates youth about the human service needs of their community and encourages volunteering.

THANK YOU!!

On behalf of United Way of Essex and West Hudson, the participating agencies and clients, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Because of your generosity, children were nurtured, families were made whole, the hungry and the homeless were sheltered and fed, adults were taught to read, the chains of addiction were broken, youth became positive and focused and those stricken with AIDS were cared for. Remember, the United Way has always and will continue to be the "First Call for Help." By continuing your support of United Way you can make a real and lasting impact on our community. Listed below are the lead partnering agencies and their initiative areas. With your help, United Way of Essex and West Hudson supports 114 new initiatives, 650 lead agencies and 102 collaborations.

Imagine the difference we can make together.

CHILDREN

All House
American Red Cross-Nutley
ASPIRA of New Jersey-G.A.T.E. Way
ARC of Essex County
Central Palsy of Essex and West Hudson
Community Agencies Corporation
East Orange Community Development Corp.
Kids in Business, Inc.
Newark Day Center
South Ward Cultural Center
St. Columba Neighborhood Center
St. James AME Community Service Corp.
Tri-City People's Corporation
United Valhalla Service Organization
United Jewish Federation of MetrolWest
United Labor Agency
Urban League of Essex County
Volunteer Center of Essex County
West Orange Community House
YMCA of Newark and Vicinity
Youth Consultation Services
Youth Development Clinic
YMCA of Essex and West Hudson

FAMILY

American Friends Service Committee
American Red Cross of Essex
ARC of Essex County
Bedford Nursery
Cancer Care
Catholic Community Services
Central Palsy of Essex and West Hudson
Choices, Inc.
Community Agencies Corporation
Essex Council Boy Scouts
Family Service Bureau of Newark
Family Service & Child Guidance

FAMILY (cont'd)

FOCUS Hispanic Center
International Youth Organization
Ironbound Community Corporation
Invigil Counseling Center
Donald Judson Neighborhood Center
La Casa de Don Pedro
Main Street Counseling Center
Mental Health Association of Essex County
Newark Emergency Services for Families
Offender Aid and Restoration
Orange Valley Social Settlements
Salvation Army-Newark
Senior Service Corporation
United Valhalla Service Organization
United Labor Agency
Urban League of Essex County
Youth Consultation Services

CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

American Red Cross-Nutley
Boys & Girls Club of Newark
Essex Council Boy Scouts
Family Service and Child Guidance
International Youth Organization
The Bridge/Invigil Counseling Center
Joint Connection
La Casa de Don Pedro
YMCA of Essex and West Hudson

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

American Red Cross-Essex Chapter
Apostle's House
Central Palsy of Essex and West Hudson
Covenant House
East Orange Community Development Corp.
Essex County Legal Aid
FOCUS Hispanic Center

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS (cont'd)

Isaiah House
Newark Emergency Services for Families
Salvation Army-Newark
SHARE of New Jersey
United Valhalla Service Organization

AIDS

Apostle's House
Bedford Nursery
Catholic Community Services
Family Service Bureau
Isaiah House
The Leagues, Inc.
Newark Community Health Center
St. Columba Neighborhood Center
Visiting Nurse Association of Essex Valley

UNEMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT

ARC of Essex County
CANAD-Caribbean/Panther Council
FOCUS Hispanic Center
International Youth Organization

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Catholic Community Services
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International Youth Organization
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LVA of West Hudson
Newark Literacy Campaign
Senior Services Corporation
Urban League of Essex County



To find out more about United Way of Essex and West Hudson, its programs and its partners, call 1-800-ENABLE-96.

Eye Care month

Berkeley Heights, NJ—January is National Eye Care Month, and people are urged to start the year off right by making regular medical eye examinations and eye safety part of their family health routine.

"It is extremely important to have your eyes checked on a regular basis," says Jordan Burke, M.D., F.A.C.S., ophthalmologist at the Summit Eye Group (SEG). "Many of the most common forms of eye disease, such as glaucoma, cataract and diabetic retinopathy can be successfully treated if they are caught in the early stages. If not caught in time, these diseases can lead to visual loss and blindness."

Beyond getting regular medical eye examinations, Dr. Burke suggests incorporating some common sense rules to reduce the risks of eye injuries and trauma.

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), injuries from toys are the leading causes of blindness among children. Parents should watch out for toys with a projectile or long, sharp protruding parts that could endanger vision. Air-powered guns, such as BB and pellet guns, are responsible for more than 1,000 eye injuries each year, but even seemingly harmless toys such as stuffed animals may have sharp whiskers or other parts that can prove hazardous.

Another favorite of adolescents, fireworks, especially bottle-rockets, are also dangerous and contribute to 6,000 eye injuries annually.

BillBoard

JANUARY 15-21

NEW YORK, NY—Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. presents the unveiling of two newly commissioned posters (by Jacob Lawrence and Joel Shapiro). For more information call (212) 875-5391.

WED., JAN. 15-MAR. 22

SOMERVILLE—The Printmaking Council Exhibit presents "Fish Tales, Artists Handmade Book Project" at 440 River St. For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

WED., JAN. 15-MAR. 27

PERRYVILLE—The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse presents "Wally's Cafe," a hilarious comedy by Sam Bobrick & Ron Clark, located 1/2 mile west of exit 12 off Rt. 78/92. For more information, call (908) 730-8007.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SAYREVILLE—Club Bene presents Contemporary jazz guitarist Peter White, 9pm at Club Bene, Dinner Theatre, Rt. 35. The show is \$20.00/Dinner at 7pm. \$12.50 additional. For more information, call (908) 727-3000.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ Symphony Orchestra presents the "Classical Traditions Series," a collaboration of classical and New Orleans jazz 8pm at the State Theatre on Fri. For more information, call (201) 624-3713.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

RED BANK—The NJ Symphony Orchestra presents the "Classical Traditions Series" 8:30pm at the Count Basie Theatre. For more information, call (201) 624-3713.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18 - FEB. 16

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre Co. presents "The Meeting" by Jeff Stronin. This play depicts the meeting of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin L. King in a Harlem hotel room. For more information, call (908) 248-5281.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

NEWARK—The NJ Symphony Orchestra presents the "Classical Traditions Series" 3pm at Symphony Hall. For more information, call (201) 624-3713.

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Avery Brooks is Paul Robeson

Princeton, NJ—In Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, McCarter Theatre will present the only New Jersey performance of Avery Brooks as PAUL ROBESON on Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. The production also stars Ernie Scott on piano. Athlete, scholar, lawyer, singer, actor, and crusader for social justice—the spirit and story of Princeton's own Renaissance man, Paul Robeson is captured in a bravura solo performance by Avery Brooks.



Avery Brooks as Paul Robeson



Eddie's back

Eddie Murphy ("THE NUTTY PROFESSOR," '48 HOURS," "BEVERLY HILLS COP") is Scott Roper, whose unorthodox but winning ways make him the San Francisco Police Department's top arbitrator. But even his silver tongue can't change his fortune when he and rookie SWAT team sharp-shooter Kevin McCall (Michael Rapaport) come face to face with a psychotic killer in a lethal game of cat & mouse. Carmen yoyo, Roper's on-again/off-again girlfriend, Ronnie Tate, makes her American feature film debut in "METRO".

Super Bowl ads sold out at average costs of \$1.2 mil

NEW YORK (AP)—Want to run an ad during the Super Bowl? Too late.

All the advertising slots for the National Football League's championship game on Jan. 26 were bought up weeks ago, officials for Fox television said Tuesday.

Buyers shelled out about \$1.2 million for each 30-second spot that

will air during Super Bowl XXXI.

The prices are believed to be the highest ever paid for TV advertising time. The Super Bowl typically attracts more than 100 million viewers—the year's biggest audience.

A few half-minute ads commanded prices of \$1.3 million, said Jon Neisvig, president of sales for Fox Broadcasting, which is airing the Su-

'MARTIN' STAR DENIES HE HARASSED CO-STAR

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Martin Lawrence says he is being used as a pawn in "Martin" co-star Tisha Campbell's contract dispute with the television show's production company.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Lawrence denied that he sexually harassed Campbell, and that he has lawsuit against him is a ploy in her legal fight with HBO Independent Productions, which produces "Martin" for the Fox network.

"Martin" has long been Tisha's champion and protector, and is thus deeply hurt by these allegations. There is no merit to the lawsuit and it will vigorously be defended," the statement said.

HBO Independent Productions declined to comment on Tuesday because the lawsuit is pending, said a spokeswoman.

Campbell played Martin's wife Gina on the show, which is in its fifth season. She last appeared on the set on Nov. 22. Her lawsuit, filed last month in federal court, claims that Martin sexually harassed and sexually battered her, making conditions on the set "intolerable."

Her last televised episode aired on Dec. 19. Two others have been filmed in which her absence is explained by the character's missing the boat on the eve of a romantic voyage.



Tisha Campbell

Campbell's suit was filed after HBO Independent Productions tried to force her to return to work, said her lawyer, Kurt Peterson.

The company sued her on contract violation grounds after she walked off the set. The suit is pending.

A federal judge last month rejected the company's request to require that Campbell work until the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, a performers' union, arbitrates her sexual harassment claim, Peterson said.

MOESHA GOES TO COLLEGE

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Don't expect to see 'Moesha' out on the town with a hot date during her first month as a freshman at Pepperdine University."

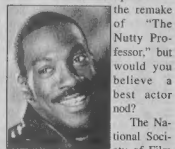
Brandy Norwood, who stars in the UPN sitcom and is also a popular singer, starts college next week.

She lives with her parents and says she won't start to formally date until her 18th birthday on Feb. 11.

Last year, she went with 18-year-old Los Angeles Lakers rookie Kobe Bryant to his high school prom in suburban Philadelphia, but Brandy says she doesn't consider that an official date. If he wants one, though, she's ready. "If Kobe asked me out when I was 18, I couldn't say no," she says.

EDDIE MURPHY NAMED BEST ACTOR

NEW YORK (AP)—Eddie Murphy won rave reviews for his remake of "The Nutty Professor," but would you believe a best actor nod?



The National Society of Film Critics voted Murphy the best actor of 1996 during its annual meeting Sunday at the Algonquin Hotel. Murphy also is nominated for a Golden Globe award for best actor in a musical or comedy for the same film.

Michael Wilmington, film critic for the Chicago Tribune, said Murphy's multiple roles in a dinner table scene astonished critics.

"There is a tremendous prejudice about comedy actors. It's much harder to do comedy well, than it is to do drama well," said Wilmington.

EDDIE MURPHY

San Francisco's top police hostage negotiator is about to get more than he ever bargained for.

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CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 11
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FRESHMENOLDERS
WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freshmenolders of the County of Union is desirous of conducting the letter and spirit of Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1975, commonly known as the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and
WHEREAS, Section 3(1), subsection (2), also cited as N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, requires that the Board of Chosen Freshmenolders of the County of Union designate at least two representatives to be the recipients of notice by this Board of its meetings; and
WHEREAS, the act requires that the newspapers to be used for the publication of the notice be the newspapers of general circulation in the County of Union and that the newspapers be of the type and class of newspapers for publication by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freshmenolders of the County of Union that the Board, having the letter and spirit of Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1975, commonly known as the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and
WHEREAS, the act requires that the newspapers to be used for the publication of the notice be the newspapers of general circulation in the County of Union and that the newspapers be of the type and class of newspapers for publication by this Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freshmenolders of the County of Union designate at least two representatives to be the recipients of notice by this Board of its meetings; and
WHEREAS, the act requires that the newspapers to be used for the publication of the notice be the newspapers of general circulation in the County of Union and that the newspapers be of the type and class of newspapers for publication by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freshmenolders of the County of Union that the Board, having the letter and spirit of Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1975, commonly known as the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and
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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FRESHMENOLDERS
MEETING SCHEDULE 1997
Most meetings are held on Thursday. Agenda sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. And regular public meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Freshmenolders Meeting Room, 6th Floor, Administration Building, Elizabethville Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the County Clerk at (908) 927-4210, or telecommunications service for the Deaf Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

AGENDA MEETING REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

January 5 (reorganization)	January 16
January 23	January 30
February 6	February 13
February 27	February 27
March 6	March 13
March 20	March 27
April 3	April 10
April 17	April 24
May 1	May 8
May 15	May 22
June 5	June 12
June 19	June 26
July 7	August 1
September 4	September 11
September 18	September 25
October 9	October 16
October 23	October 30
November 6	November 13
December 4	December 11
December 18	December 18

* Agenda Session and Regular Meeting
** Open to County Government Day 200 P.M.
1/15/97 FEE: \$201.60

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

INVITATION FOR BIDS
PURCHASE OF EXTERIOR SOLID WOOD CORE DOORS, STORM DOORS, HOLLOW METAL FRAMES AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE FOR N2-4, STEPHEN CRANE VILLAGE

Ref: #96-01041
The Housing Authority of the City of Newark will receive sealed bids for the purchase of EXTERIOR SOLID WOOD CORE DOORS, STORM DOORS, HOLLOW METAL FRAMES AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE FOR N2-4, STEPHEN CRANE VILLAGE on Thursday, January 23, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents including specifications are on file and available for review at the County Clerk's Office, 1st floor, please contact for information. Contracting Office, at (201) 400-2358 for information on how to obtain these documents. Invitation #96-01041.

Bids shall be submitted and in the following address:
Ref: #96-01041, PURCHASE OF EXTERIOR SOLID WOOD CORE DOORS, STORM DOORS, HOLLOW METAL FRAMES AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE FOR N2-4, STEPHEN CRANE VILLAGE
Joe M. Martinez, Contracting Officer
Housing Authority of the City of Newark
57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103

Bidders shall comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, Affirmative Action Requirements.

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to modify the specifications in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest. The Authority also reserves the right not to open any bids if less than two (2) are received by the date and time set for opening.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the written approval of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark. For further information, please contact David Moore, Department of Modernization, at (201) 400-2451.

HAROLD LUCAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
1/15/97 FEE: \$100.60

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
IRELAND AVENUE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT
AND MAIN REPLACEMENT
FOR
CITY OF MILLVILLE
CUMPLAND FUND NEW JERSEY
PROJECT NO. NO. 334921-02
TO ALL HOLDER OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:
Your attention is directed to the following interpretations of changes in the additions to the Contract Documents for the construction of the Ireland Avenue Pump Station Replacement and Main Replacement Contract for the City of Millville New Jersey.

This Addendum is being submitted in accordance with the Regulations set forth in Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., and the N.J. Watermaster Trust funding requirements.

IN THE CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS:

- In the Specification book cover, Advertisement and Section 1.1, Page 1-1, the date of the bid opening is changed from January 7, 1997 to January 21, 1997.
- In Section 2.2, PROPOSAL (BID) FORMS on page 2 under Item 13, DELETE the number "1" and SUBSTITUTE THEREOF, the number "11".
- In Section 2.2B14.5 Part 3.1 General on page 0201-4.5 DELETE "There shall be a minimum of two (2) bronze weights Class W-175 or equal replacement and installed diametrically opposite each other for each point for pieces 3/4 inches to 12 inches in diameter and four (4) weights per point for larger diameter piece.

Where four (4) weights are required they are to be inserted side by side in pairs.

In Section 02201, Part 3.2 on page 0200-0. ADD the following to Number 8 "There shall be the performance of minimum quantity of 1 test per lot and every 400 linear feet of trench under bituminous, concrete of nonstructural areas."

In Section 02050, Tests, on page 02050-1.1, Part 3.1 General ADD the following: "The Contractor shall notify Engineer of method to test replacement tests, including materials, procedures and staff are not available, and shall be prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or municipal agency."

Proposals must be submitted in the address below and be received by Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. The Housing Authority is the equal opportunity employer.

Ruth G. Gross, PHM Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Salem
305 Seventh Street Salem, NJ 08079 603-522-1159/97 FEE: \$74.10

ON THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS:

- On Sheet No. 2 in the Quantities for Canvas of Bids under Item 13, DELETE the number "1" and SUBSTITUTE THEREOF, the number "11".
- On Sheet No. 11, in the One Line Diagram DELETE "SUN-DRYER, 60w" and SUBSTITUTE TO THEREOF, "SUN-DRYER, 60w".
- On Sheet No. 11, in the General Notes under Note 4, DELETE "Any water service pipes broken during construction shall be replaced from the water main to the curb box, no service or repairs will be permitted" and SUBSTITUTE THEREOF "Any water service or main broken by Contractor shall be replaced by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Millville Water Department."

4. On Sheet No. 4, DELETE the 3 strands of bar wire on the Single Side Gate Detail.

CS ENGINEERS, INC.
BRIAN R. KESSLER, P.E.
BRANCH MANAGER
1/15/97 FEE: \$196.30

"NOTICE OF MEETING"

The following are the date, time, and places of meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Wed., Jan. 15, 1997	7:00 P.M.	45 Aspen Recreational Center
Wed., Feb. 19, 1997	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 19, 1997	7:00 P.M.	399 Gregory Avenue
Wed., Apr. 16, 1997	7:00 P.M.	14-34 East Monroe Street
Wed., May 21, 1997	7:00 P.M.	235 South Street
Wed., June 18, 1997	7:00 P.M.	45 Aspen Recreational Center
Wed., July 16, 1997	7:00 P.M.	234 Chestnut Street
Wed., Aug. 20, 1997	7:00 P.M.	14-34 East Monroe Street
Wed., Sep. 17, 1997	7:00 P.M.	235 South Street
Wed., Oct. 15, 1997	7:00 P.M.	399 Gregory Avenue
Wed., Nov. 19, 1997	7:00 P.M.	234 Chestnut Street
Wed., Dec. 17, 1997	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers

All meetings open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

ERIC KOLBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
1/15/97 FEE: \$92.40

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Salem will receive sealed bids for Garbage and Trash Removal Services in accordance with specifications which may be obtained from the Housing Authority Office, 305 Seventh Street, Salem, NJ during business hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.
Each bid proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Garbage and Trash Removal Bid" in lower left hand corner. All bid proposals will be received in the Housing Authority Office at or before 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 1997.
The Housing Authority of the City of Salem reserves the right to reject any or all bids as may be deemed to be the best interest of said Housing Authority and waive inconsequential informalities in bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (Affirmative Action) and with the provisions of P.L. 1975, c. 40 (Disclosure of Ownership).
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RUTH G. GROSS,
PHM EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS
1/15/97 FEE: \$80.70

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICE
The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is seeking proposals for Fee Accounting for its Low-income Public Housing Program, Mod. Section 8 Program. Modernization and Comprehensive Housing Program for a twelve month period from February 1, 1997 - January 31, 1998. The following qualifications factors will be used to evaluate proposals:

- Professional and technical experience as CPA/ Fee Accountant, with a thorough knowledge of public contract law, NJ State Law and Federal Procurement Regulations 24 CFR 85.30, and the ability to complete state compliance requirements.
- Experience as Fee Accountant with a minimum of 5 years with governmental authorities and agencies.
- Experience in HUD accounting and financial management procedures including budget preparation, performance, finding, claim filing and all procedures required under HUD regulations such as CIAP, COP and MOD. Section 8 reports.

Submittals should include evidence that the accounting firm, proposals and staff are not available, and shall be prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or municipal agency.

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PHM EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS
1/15/97 FEE: \$84.60

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Bethany Baptist celebrates MLK

NEWARK—Bethany Baptist Church in Newark will feature guest speaker, Janell M. Byrd, for its Annual Martin Luther King Day Program, January 20, 1997.

Janell M. Byrd, Esquire has served as legal counsel to the NAACP

Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. for almost a decade.

Since joining the Fund she has devoted herself to resolving cases on affirmative action, school desegregation, employment discrimination and voting rights. She has discussed

these topics as a panelist and as a featured speaker on many cable and commercial network television broadcasts, including: ABC/Nightly, NBC Today Show, Fox Morning News, MacNeil-Lehr Newshour, Cross-fire, and BET's Our Voices.

Bloomfield College students celebrate EOF Pride Day

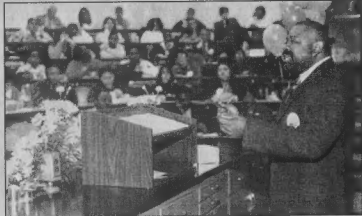
Bloomfield, NJ—More than 100 Bloomfield College students recently gathered in a lecture hall not to attend class, but to celebrate the program that has helped them realize their dream to attend and stay in college. That program is the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF).

Funded by the State of New Jersey, the EOF Program helps educationally and economically disadvantaged students earn a college degree. The program at Bloomfield College provides a wide range of supportive services such as tutoring, mentoring, personal and career counseling and academic advising as well as financial grants. Bloomfield College has one of the most successful EOF programs in the State of New Jersey.

The theme for the College's first annual EOF Pride Day focused on an equation: *Responsibility plus Pride equals Growth*. According to Rose Mitchell, the College's EOF Director, EOF students understand that by taking responsibility for their actions and feeling a strong sense of self-respect, they will grow emotionally and intellectually, and succeed at any goal they set for themselves.

Mitchell introduced the afternoon festivities by describing the wide range of students the program serves. "We are of many minds, but one family," she said, pointing to "honor, strength, empowerment, integrity and togetherness that unites us."

Paula Venable, EOF Counselor and Recruiter, and a former EOF student at the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College),



Robert Alston, assistant director at the College of New Jersey of Financial Aid speaks at the EOF Pride Day

invited members of the audience to express their appreciation and feelings of pride, and many students rose from their seats to share their heartfelt stories.

They all credited Rose Mitchell, Paula Venable, EOF Counselor Patrick Lamy and EOF Secretary Diane Williams for "always being there" for them and helping them meet both their academic and social challenges.

Guest speaker Robert Alston, assistant director of financial aid at the College of New Jersey, echoed the importance of having self-respect

and dignity. "If you believe in yourself," he said, "you can do great things. One's attitude is either the key to or the lock on the door of personal achievement."

He encouraged the students to "pursue victory" and to have "high expectations. Make a commitment to yourself and put yourself in control of your dreams...take full advantage of who you are."

The program also included student poetry readings, alumni speaker Malikata Brooks '96, closing remarks by Patrick Lamy, and a reception at the College Center.

Yolanda King to speak in Newark

On Friday, January 17, Yolanda King, noted actress and lecturer, will be the keynote speaker at the Newark YMWCA's 26th Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast to be held at the Newark Club.

WPC announces scholarships for honor students

One hundred new Presidential Scholarships for honor students will be awarded by William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey.

Approved by WPC's Board of Trustees in support of the college's mission to attract high-achieving students from diverse backgrounds, the scholarships are being offered in connection with a new honors program to be initiated by the college in September 1997.

Fifty of the scholarships will be awarded to freshman honor students and 50 to honor transfer students. The scholarships, in the amount of tuition and fees, will be offered on

an annual basis to entering students. Scholarship recipients will participate in special honors courses and other programs.

The freshman Presidential Award will be renewed for a maximum of four years upon evidence of continued outstanding academic achievement. The transfer Presidential Award will be renewed for a maximum of two years upon evidence of continued outstanding academic achievement.

The 100 scholarships and our new honors program will recognize exceptional academic achievement by our students who will be able to

take advantage of the excellence and quality of our academic programs," said Chernoff Sessay, executive vice president and provost.

William Paterson College offers a large number of federal, state and institutional financial aid programs and awards to qualified students. During 1995-1996, 43.1 percent of WPC's undergraduates received some form of financial aid.

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its tracks," said Gill. She urged attendees to send letters to their assembly representative and the governor who said she would not sign the bill.

When discussing why Affirmative Action was needed, Warren Smith said, "To remedy past discrimination, but it failed to change people's attitudes, beliefs and behavior." Smith went on to say that one of the reasons people's attitude haven't changed is because they believe that people who are products of Affirmative Action programs aren't qualified. As a solution, Smith suggested that Blacks and other minorities continue to network, mentor and help promote others wherever possible. "People expect companies to do something for us," he said. "We have to create and develop our own progression."

Another key issue was the role of the employee. What can employees do to ensure that companies are being fair in their hiring and promoting practices? Bowser stressed that employees request "accountability reports," asking companies what their goals are for minorities.

Nia Gill approached the notion of Affirmative Action from another perspective. She explained that, in reality, minorities haven't been the only beneficiaries or recipients of some sort of Affirmative Action. "By passing Affirmative Action laws," she explained, "they were simply adding another group of people to the mix. Affirmative Action has always been there for others." Gill for referring to the "ole boys affirmative action that takes place on the golf course. The admission of students to college based on parent contribution and a number of other affirmative actions practiced daily by the historically advantaged."

The panel discussion was followed by an open-mic segment which gave attendees a chance to ask questions and express their views. After the session formally ended many in attendance continued to network and discuss the issues raised. The New Jersey Corporate Forum is set to host three additional discussions.

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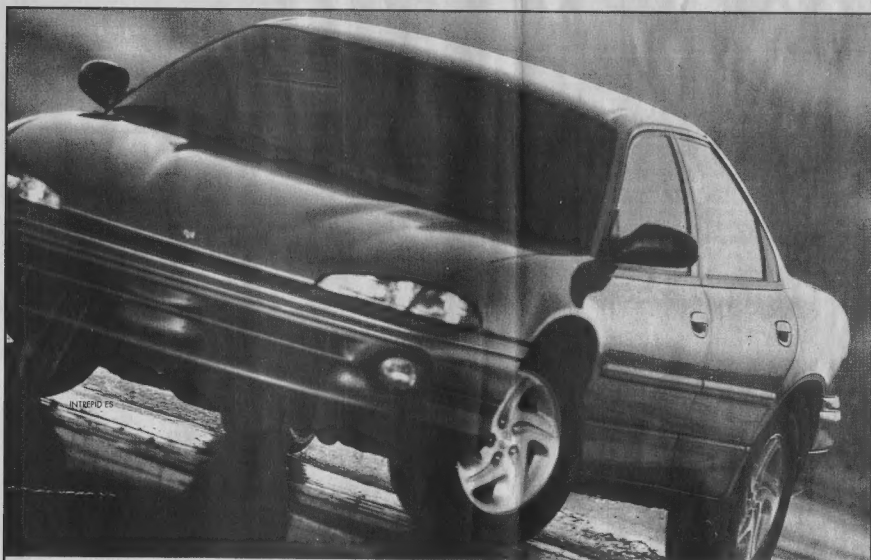
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